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REMARKS

This Amendment is made in response to the Official Action mailed January 7, 2008. A request for a two-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment. In addition, a Supplemental IDS is enclosed. Claims 1-33 have been canceled and replaced by new claims 34-57. Support for the addition of new claims 34-57 can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to and rejections of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments, and further, in view of the following remarks.

Preliminarily, Applicants note that new independent claim 34 clarifies that the instant invention is directed to denture adhesive removal system comprising (a) a solvent composition comprising at least one oil-based solvent; a thickener; and a surfactant; and (b) an applicator, wherein the applicator comprises a flexible substrate that is pre-moistened with the solvent composition. This system is meant to be applied to the denture upon removal of the denture after a day's use in order to clean the residual denture adhesive from the hard surfaces of the denture and the soft surfaces of the oral cavity.

Claims 1-24 and 26-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,826,676, granted May 2, 1989, to Gioffre et al. ("Gioffre"). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 and 26-27 have been replaced by new claims 34-57. The new claims are directed to a denture adhesive removal system comprising (a) a solvent composition comprising at least one oil-based solvent; a thickener; and a surfactant; and (b) an applicator, wherein the applicator comprises a flexible substrate that is pre-moistened with the solvent composition; a method for removing denture adhesive residue from a denture or from any natural surface of the oral cavity of an individual by wiping said denture or said oral cavity surface with a wipe comprising a flexible substrate that is pre-moistened with a denture adhesive solvent composition comprising at least one oil-based solvent; a thickener; and a surfactant; and a kit comprising a denture adhesive solvent composition, an applicator and instructions for use.

Gioffre discloses a toothpaste composition for inhibiting dental plaque and calculus formation, which composition contains active zinc in the form of zeolite zinc ions, a source of fluoride ions, and has a pH greater than 9.5. There is absolutely no disclosure of the instant invention as claimed in new claims 34-57.

Since Gioffre does not teach or suggest each and every element of the claims, it can not be said to anticipate the present invention. Favorable reconsideration of the rejection under Section 102(b) is requested.

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Claims 1-13, 17-24 and 26-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,689,216, granted August 25, 1987, to Greene ("Greene"). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Greene discloses a dentifrice, in particular, toothpaste, containing sanguinarine chloride and hydrated silica in order to enhance gingivitis control. Greene found that hydrated silica allows increased sanguinarine uptake and stability in dentifrice formulations. See, column 2, lines 30-33. There is absolutely no disclosure of the instant invention as claimed in new claims 34-57.

Since Greene does not teach or suggest each and every element of the claims, it can not be said to anticipate the present invention. Favorable reconsideration of the rejection under Section 102(b) is requested.

Claims 1-24 and 26-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,162,449, granted December 19, 2000, to Maier et al. ("Maier"). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Maier discloses new scleroglucans useful as active film-forming ingredients in cosmetics formulations. Further, Maier discloses that the scleroglucans exhibit anti-inflammatory activity, and therefore, may be useful in after-sun preparations for the treatment of sunburn. Again, there is absolutely no disclosure of the instant invention as claimed in new claims 34-57.

Since Maier does not teach or suggest each and every element of the claims, it can not be said to anticipate the present invention. Favorable reconsideration of the rejection under Section 102(b) is requested.

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration of this application is requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned agent at the number below.

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